Ratings

North Carolina Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NC CLASS)

Principal Stability Fund **Ratings Definitions**

AAAm A fund rated 'AAAm' demonstrates extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit 'AAAm' is the highest principal stability fund rating assigned by S&P Global

AAm A fund rated 'AAm' demonstrates very strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. It differs from the highest-rated funds only to a small degree.

Am A fund rated 'Am' demonstrates strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk, but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than funds in higher-rated categories

BBBm A fund rated 'BBBm' demonstrates adequate capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a reduced capacity to maintain principal stability.

BBm A fund rated 'BBm' demonstrates speculative characteristics and uncertain capacity to maintain principal stability. It is vulnerable to principal losses due to credit risk. While such funds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

Dm A fund rated 'Dm' has failed to maintain principal stability resulting in a realized or unrealized loss of principal.

About the Pool

POOL PROFILE

Pool Rating **AAAm**

Stable NAV Government Pool Type

Investment Pool

Public Trust Advisors, LLC Investment Adviser

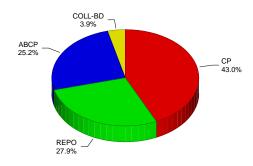
Portfolio Manager Neil Waud, CFA

Pool Rated Since January 2023

Custodian Fifth Third Bank

Distributor Public Trust Advisors, LLC (Public Trust)

Portfolio Composition as of March 26, 2024



CP - Commercial Paper; REPO - Repurchase Agreement; ABCPS - Asset-backed commercial paper; COLL-BD - Collateralized Bank Deposits

Rationale

North Carolina Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (North Carolina CLASS) is rated 'AAAm' by S&P Global. The rating signifies our forward-looking opinion about a fixed-income fund's ability to maintain principal value (i.e., stable net asset value, or 'NAV'). This is accomplished through conservative investment practices and strict internal controls. Standard & Poor's monitors the portfolio on a weekly basis.

Overview

North Carolina CLASS is a commingled investment pool established by interlocal agreement pursuant to N.C.G.S. Chapter 160, Article 20. The pool is managed to comply with the requirements of North Carolina law, specifically N.C.G.S. Section 159-30 or other laws of the State of North Carolina governing the investment of monies of a local government unit. The investment objective of North Carolina CLASS is to preserve principal, provide daily liquidity, earn a competitive rate of return, and maintain a stable \$1.00 net asset value per share.

Management

Public Trust Advisors LLC (PTA), based in Denver, is the investment adviser and administrator for the fund. PTA currently manages 12 local government investment pools rated 'AAAm' by S&P Global Ratings, including North Carolina CLASS. As of March, 2024, PTA's discretionary assets under management and administration totaled US \$88 billion. Fifth Third Bank N.A. is the custodian for North Carolina CLASS.

Portfolio Assets

North Carolina CLASS seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing in various money market security types, including: U.S. Treasury securities, certain U.S. agencies, municipal obligations of North Carolina, commercial paper, savings certificates, repurchase agreements, and

mutual funds certified by the Local Government Commission. All participants are voluntary, and the net asset value in the fund is calculated daily using a mark-to-market method. The maximum weighted average maturity of the portfolio is 60 days, and the maximum weighted average life to maturity of the fund's portfolio can range from 90 to 120 days, in accordance with the stated metrics for 'AAAm' PSFRs. In our view, a portfolio's weighted average maturity is a key measure of a fund's tolerance and sensitivity to rising interest rates

Plus (+) or Minus (-)

The ratings may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.

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Participants should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of the pool before investing. The investment guidelines which can be obtained from your broker-dealer, contain this and other information about the pool and should be read carefully before investina.

Principal Stability Rating Approach and Criteria

A S&P Global Ratings principal stability fund rating, also known as a "money market fund rating", is a forward-looking opinion about a fixed income fund's capacity to maintain stable principal (net asset value). When assigning a principal stability rating to a fund, S&P Global Ratings analysis focuses primarily on the creditworthiness of the fund's investments and counterparties, and also its investments' maturity structure and management's ability and policies to maintain the fund's stable net asset value. Principal stability fund ratings are assigned to funds that seek to maintain a stable or an accumulating net asset value.

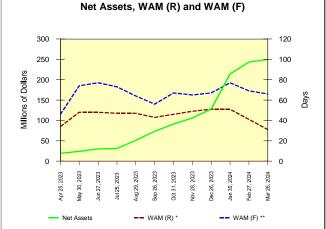
Generally, when faced with an unanticipated level of redemption requests during periods of high market stress. the manager of any fund may suspend redemptions for up to five business days or meet redemption requests with payments in-kind in lieu of cash. A temporary suspension of redemptions or meeting redemption requests with distributions in-kind does not constitute a failure to maintain stable net asset values However, higher rated funds are expected to have stronger capacities to pay investor redemptions in cash during times of high market stress because they generally comprise shorter maturity and higher quality investments.

Principal stability fund ratings, or money market fund ratings, are identified by the 'm' suffix (e.g., 'AAAm') to distinguish the principal stability rating from a S&P Global Ratings traditional issue or issuer credit rating. A traditional issue or issuer credit rating reflects S&P Global Ratings view of a borrower's ability to meet its financial obligations. Principal stability fund ratings are not commentaries on yield levels.

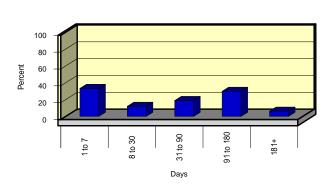
Data Bank as of March 26, 2024

* Weighted Average Maturity (Reset)

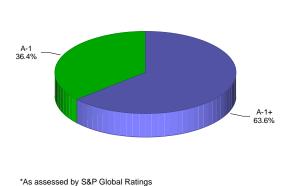
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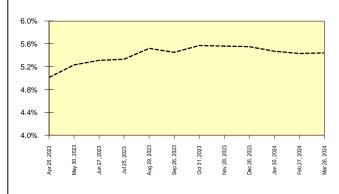
Portfolio Maturity Distribution as of March 26, 2024



Portfolio Credit Quality as of March 26, 2024 *



Portfolio 7 Day Net-Yield



assessed by SQF Global Railings

The yield quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Current yield may be lower or higher than the yield quoted.

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